February 3, 1977

Mr. Allen L. Vance, Mining Engineer UnS. Department of the Interior Geological Survey Office of the Area Mining Supervisor Conservation Division 8426 Federal Building 125 South State Street Salt Lake City, Utah 84138

Re: Federal Gilsonite Lesse-U 073071

Dear Allen:

The reclamation plans which we reviewed during our field visit of January 5, 1977, to this mine meet with our approval. We feel that the lease stipulations are in concert with objectives of the Mined Land Reclamation Act.

To formally approve the reclamation plan we will publish notice of the the Division's concurrence in the same manner as we formally approve any other mining operation, by providing notice by phulication. As soon as we receive information from American Gilsonite we will begin the publishing process which will solicit objections to the Divisions approval. All objections will be copied to your office.

Sincerely,

DIVISION OF OIL, GAS, AND MINING

RONALD W. DANIELS, COORDINATOR OF MINED LAND DEVELOPMENT

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cc: Tom Moseley